



# Plane News

The Official Newsletter of San Diego County Airports



## COMPASS POINTS

Since the last time I updated you on the County of San Diego Airports, a lot has changed. Across the board, County Airports are vigorously moving ahead with broad reaching improvement efforts. This issue of *Plane News* gives you detail on many of these projects. None of this would be possible without the dedicated efforts of so many skilled people focused on improving our County system of airports.

Over the last year we contracted over \$35 million of airport enhancements. In addition, we mobilized support for fire-fighting aircraft and personnel while converting 41 acres of vacant airport property into a well-equipped animal evacuation shelter for displaced horses and other farm/domestic animals. We seized the opportunity to acquire 104 acres of abutting land to the Borrego Valley Airport for a buffer zone protecting against encroachment. This airport hosts world championship aerobatic competitions and provides essential service to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

We concluded Airports Weld and Cuyamaca Business Park development agreements promising \$26 million of new revenue for County Airports. This critical funding is needed to sustain continued investment in the County Airports system infrastructure. Over the last year, County

Airport facilities and business/industrial parks handled over 700,000 aircraft operations, employed more than 4,000 people and generated approximately \$1 billion in economic benefit to the communities. County Airports demonstrated an important role as regional economic engines.

The future of our County Airports system may be tied to the Regional Air Transportation Plan being undertaken by the San Diego Regional Airport Authority. Our County Airports will be essential facilities in this plan for supporting commercial airline, corporate and general aviation in San Diego. I will provide updates on continued progress—see you in the next issue.



Clear skies & happy landings,

*Peter Drinkwater*

Peter Drinkwater,  
Airports Director

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### Welcome & Congratulations to new and recently promoted Airports staff!

**Marc Baskel**  
Assistant Airport Manager\*

**Linda Chiles**  
Real Property Agent

**Perry Cruz**  
Administrative Analyst II

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Senior Airport Technician\*

**George Kalin**  
Senior Airport Technician\*

**Blake Matheson**  
Airports Operation Coordinator

**John Mihaly**  
Airport Technician

**John Otto**  
Airport Technician

**Sarah Solis**  
Office Support Specialist

\*promotion



## What County Airports Is All About...

San Diego County Airports manages eight airports, leases property surrounding these airports, redevelops airport-owned property, and improves County aviation facilities. County Airports operates Gillespie Field, McClellan-Palomar, Ramona, Fallbrook, Borrego, Jacumba, Ocotillo and Agua Caliente Airports.

We are dedicated to operating and maintaining these airports safely, efficiently, and cost effectively. All this is done without cost to San Diego County taxpayers. We are funded by private development, the Airport Enterprise Fund, and the Federal Airport Improvement Program.

We work every day at being good neighbors and friends to the communities we serve.



The 14th annual Ramona Air Show (RAS) hosted nearly 11,000 visitors May 31st and June 1st. This year's event featured a Street Rod Car Show on Saturday and a "Tricked-Out" Big Rig Truck Display on Sunday. The truck show, the Air Show's first, proved to be a very popular attraction, with scores of attendees of all ages admiring



over 20 of these huge \$200,000 vehicles.

In the air was an aerobatics aircraft show that featured RAS regulars Jaquie Warda, Jon Collver and Chuck Hall along with this year's rookie, 23-year-old Melissa Andrejewski from Pacifica, California. There were also water drop demonstrations by Cal Fire S2 Air Tankers (including red, white and



blue water to open the show), simulated rescue flights by the County Sheriff's *Copter 10* and nearly 2 hours of amazing stunts by the Palomar RC Flyers and their radio-controlled aircraft. When



the action wasn't in the air, it was on the ground on the airport's transient ramp with "dozens of beautiful displayed aircraft, vendor booths and plenty of things to eat—everything from tacos to burgers to strip steak and chow mein," says Airport Manager Bo Donovan. Every child in attendance went home with a gift of some kind. Frisbees, coloring books, sport water bottles and even airplane trading cards were passed out to every kid in sight.

This year's Ramona Air Show brought in another \$5,000 for the Associated Air Tankers Pilot's Memorial Fund.



## Palomar Adds Customs to Its List of Services

Palomar Airport (CRQ) located in Carlsbad, California, offers User Fee Customs Service daily between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For overflight forms, go to:

[http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP\\_Form\\_442A.pdf](http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP_Form_442A.pdf)

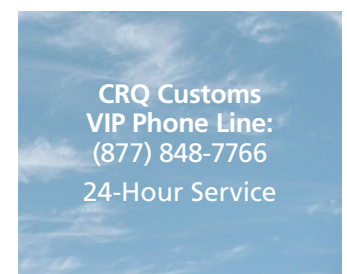
or call the CRQ Customs VIP Phone Line at (877) 848-7766.

CRQ offers:

- easy in/out service
- a safe, secure premises with Transportation Security Administration (TSA) presence
- ILS/Precision approach
- competitive fuel prices
- FAA Control Tower (manned 7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.)
- a great alternative to Lindbergh Field/San Diego International Airport (SAN) or Brown Field (SDM)

<b>2008 FEES</b> <i>prices subject to change</i>	<b>Standard Rate</b>	<b>After-Hours/ Holiday Rate</b>
<b>Single/Light Twin</b> <12,500	\$ 50	\$ 100
<b>Heavy Twin/Turbo Prop</b> 12,500-25,000	\$ 250	\$ 500
<b>Light Corporate Jet</b> 25,000-35,000	\$ 350	\$ 700
<b>Heavy Corporate Jet</b> >35,000	\$ 450	\$ 900
<b>Regional Jet/GV/Global Jet</b>	\$ 550	\$ 1,100

\* After-hours service available with prior arrangements.





# Fallbrook Airpark Hosts Largest Ever Young Eagles Day

On April 12th, Fallbrook Airpark staged its largest ever Young Eagles Day. This event, sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association's



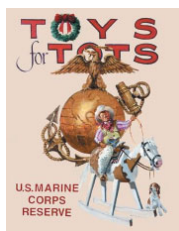
French Valley Chapter, treated 55 youngsters, ages nine through 14, to their first airplane ride in a general aviation aircraft.

Kids from as far away as Hemet and Escondido were briefed on the basics of flying before taking off for a flight over the Fallbrook area.

After landing, each youngster was given a certificate and wings making them an official Young Eagle.

The aircraft, time and fuel were all donated by pilots based at Fallbrook.

## Ramona Airport Helps with a Holiday Tradition



The Ramona Airport served as a drop location for the 2007 Marine Corps' annual "Toys for Tots" drive. In addition to collecting hundreds of toys from the surrounding

community, Ramona Airport hosted nearly 100 members of the Vintage Mooney Clubs of America.

Mooney aircraft flew toys into Ramona from as far away as Las Vegas, Phoenix and Denver. Later, everyone was treated to a *carne asada* dinner, tours of the Classic Rotors Helicopter Museum as well as the Ramona Air Traffic Control Tower. For more information, go to:

[www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)



Portion of ortho-topo map courtesy of County DPW Cartographic Services

There are folks that think the desert is a place to avoid during the summer months when temperatures near triple digits, but don't forget that summer is the time when early mornings and late afternoons cool down to a comfortable temperature. Borrego can boast clear skies all year round with some breezy conditions in the afternoons. Check AWOS at (760) 767-3308 for current weather information.

"When the coastal areas are immersed in summer smog, Borrego offers beautiful dark desert skies, allowing even the most amateur stargazer to view constellations with utmost ease using only the naked eye," says Airport Manager Viki Cole.



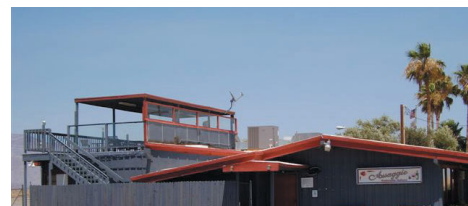
For those more dedicated to their hobby, Borrego provides camping on the field where gazers can set up their telescopes and enjoy a pristine night sky. Borrego provides car rentals year round, making restaurants, motels and golf courses easily accessible. Call the airport for reservations at (760) 767-7415.

Borrego Valley Airport provides local maps of the area including the Sky Trails tour which points out geological formations that can only be viewed by air. Your visit will include discovering the conservation, educational and research

efforts that are in progress here in the largest state park in the continental United States.

"Roadie," the local roadrunner, may even greet you as you arrive at Borrego Airport. According to Cole, "Roadie" will guide you to the terminal building where he entertains you with clever bird antics to earn his daily ration of raw hamburger." Be sure to catch our beautiful visitor's center located near park entrance. Don't miss hiking on Palm Canyon trail where visitors have the opportunity to view bighorn sheep. Borrego offers a variety of motels and restaurants, some which will provide transportation.

Saturdays you'll catch aerobatic activity just north of the field. There is an aerobatic box that is from ground level to 4,800 feet above ground level (AGL). Please check your NOTAMS for aerobatic box activity. Rooftop dining is available most of the year



from the observation deck above Assaggio's Ristorante Italiano.

"Assaggio's provides delicious Italian specialties at reasonable prices," according to Cole. Call (760) 767-3388 for hours as Assaggio's is closed during the summer months.

*"To invent an airplane is nothing. To build one is something. To fly is everything."*

—Otto Lilienthal



# CAJON AIR CENTER

## Everyone Wants to Know!

Even though things look quiet at the Cajon Air Center (formerly Cajon Speedway), a lot is going on behind the scenes. The County is moving forward on three fronts at once: environmental, infrastructure development and request for proposals (RFP) for private development.

Right now, finishing touches are being applied to the EA/EIR draft. It's expected to be available for public comment in early 2009. Copies will be available for review at the Airport Administrative Office at Gillespie Field, the El Cajon Public Library and on the Airports website at [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/airports/gillespie.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/airports/gillespie.html). The County is also in the process of hiring an engineering company to design the public infrastructure, such as a

ramp and taxiways that will serve the area. Once their design is complete, the County will submit it to the FAA when applying for Airport Capital Improvement funding for the project.

Perhaps the most anticipated part of the project is the RFP for private developments. How will the County determine which private developers will be selected for aviation development? Airports staff is developing information, exhibits and criteria that will be included in the RFP. Although it won't be formally issued until the EIR is completed, a draft is targeted to be available in 2009 at the Gillespie Field Development Council meeting. There will still be changes to this draft before it's final, but it will give everyone a sneak peek of what's ahead. Expect the final version of the RFP to be published in late 2009. You can keep up with all the latest information by staying tuned to the website above.



Crew members (l-r) John Miller, George Kalin, Dennis Seevers, Mike O'Neal, Alfonso Freyjes, Ron Craddock, John Mihaly & John Otto.

## Get to Know County Airports: The MAINTENANCE CREW

So just who are the men in orange you have probably seen working on the Airports? According to Gillespie clerical staff, "...they're extremely hard-working County employees with hearts of gold and toes of steel. They are the first ones to crack a joke about each other, but the first ones to back each other up." Airport Maintenance Supervisor Mike Carson is extremely proud of his team and says, "The maintenance technicians are really the brains behind the maintenance program." Carson explains that "...each time they are challenged with a complicated construction project, the crew rises to the occasion and really follows through." Carson's crew consistently uses their great ideas to save the County time and money on Airports projects.

Newly promoted to Senior Airport Technicians are Alfonso Freyjes and George Kalin. Both men have made a real impact on Carson's workload and have taken the reins on overseeing their respective maintenance teams. Carson can now focus on moving forward with projects and working with Airports administration staff, while Freyjes and Kalin work alongside their teams on crucial Airports maintenance and construction.

New to the team are John Mihaly and John Otto. "So far Mihaly has far surpassed the expectations of the crew, and Otto seems to be off to a great start," according to their supervisor, George Kalin. Ron Craddock, John Miller, Mike O'Neal and Dennis Seevers have continued to be key players on Carson's crew and have made several key

projects possible such as: the installation of new beacons at Palomar and Borrego; the major restriping of Fallbrook, Borrego, Ramona and Palomar to ensure County Airports meet the new FAA specs; as well as the reconstruction of the electric vault at Fallbrook Airpark. The entire maintenance crew annually supports Wings Over Gillespie, the Avocado Festival at Fallbrook Airpark and the Ramona Air Show as well as many large, public functions.

"These guys are on the field before most of us have had our first cup of coffee and work until the job is done—sometimes even working overnight!" according to Sarah Solis of County Airports. Rain or shine, bitter cold or sweltering heat, Airports' maintenance crew is out there ensuring that County Airports are safe, efficient and well maintained. Next time you see the men in orange shirts, make sure to say "Hi" and thank them for their hard work!

## New Terminal Building at Palomar

A reorganized, modernized terminal is coming to life at McClellan-Palomar Airport. The terminal is planned to open in late December of 2008. It will feature the latest in modern airport technology, including Wi-Fi service



throughout the airport. A breezeway will afford passengers and general public an area to relax and enjoy the airport. The new terminal will also feature a new restaurant, The Landings at Carlsbad, where travelers and members of the

surrounding community can feed not only their appetite with food but for airplane viewing as well. Aviation enthusiasts will be able to unite and enjoy the skyward ambience.

The aesthetics of the airport are based on the ocean-loving, "village by the sea" lifestyle that thrives in Carlsbad. According to Palomar Airport Manager Willie Vasquez, "The new terminal is one of many improvements happening at Palomar. It marks the County of San Diego's continued devotion to the public of North County by providing them with a safe, friendly, modern airport of which they can be proud."

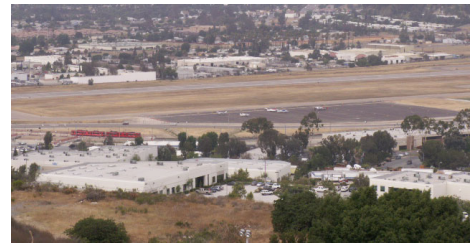


# Gillespie New Gateway to San Diego

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) will be holding its Light Airplane Conference & Exhibition at the San Diego Convention Center March 12-14, 2009. Gillespie is a great place to access this event.

Mission Valley, Coronado, Qualcomm Stadium, Old Town, Downtown, Mexico and Petco Park are now easily within reach. Access to the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) trolley is now available via the pedestrian gate at the West Transient Aircraft Parking Ramp (WTR) at Gillespie Field.

The WTR was completed and opened for public use in June 2008. 44 tie-down spaces are available for aircraft from Light Sport to Falcon 2000 size. This is the only airport in Southern California with direct rail connection.



*Red MTS trolley heads south for San Diego and other attractions from Gillespie Field. The trolley station is within walking distance of Gillespie's WTR (center of photo).*



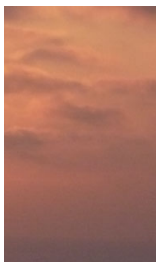
*WW II Veteran Bob Donahue and Liberty Belle.*

## B-17 Creates New Friends & Bridges Generations

The Liberty Foundation and a World War II B-17 named *Liberty Belle* visited Gillespie Field in February. History buffs, World War II veterans, aviation enthusiasts and many more came to see the restored aircraft. One Airports staff member, Sarah Solis, had an experience with a couple that she will never forget. Sarah recalls sitting at her desk when "...a kind-looking, older gentleman wearing a black cap emblazoned in yellow letters with the words 'World War II Veteran'" walked into her office. He asked if he could get out on the taxiway to "...see the ol' girl."

Sarah walked him through the terminal where his "sweet, lovely wife" was waiting and escorted them onto the field where *Liberty Belle* was tied down. Having a great admiration for the World War II generation, Sarah shook his hand and sincerely thanked him for his service. He smiled and held up a page from a photo album. Sarah says, "The page was yellow with age and full of black and white pictures of authentic wartime B-17s, all with pin-up girls painted on their sides." The gentleman smiled a big smile and said, "You can tell what we were thinking about." Sarah laughed and replied, "You've got to pass the time somehow when you're not on the front lines!"

They developed an instant bond and before the couple left, Sarah gave them a letter that she wrote describing her visit with them and what the encounter and their service to America had meant to her. About a month later, the couple returned to Gillespie Field and formally introduced themselves to Sarah as Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Edna Donahue. They appreciated her letter so much that they brought a thank-you card and several pictures of Bob with the B-17 as well as one of them together beside the U.S.S. *Midway* downtown. The Donahues thought Sarah's letter was "so precious" that they made copies of it and shared them with friends and family. The Donahues and Sarah have been in regular contact ever since and have *Liberty Belle* to thank.



*"Man must rise above the Earth—to the top of the atmosphere and beyond—for only then will he fully understand the world in which he lives."*

—Socrates



*Donahues beside the Midway.*

## Gillespie Field (SEE)

**Gillespie Field Development Council:** Meets the third Tuesday of most months (2008 schedule is posted on the Gillespie Field web page). All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at the El Cajon City Council Chambers, 200 East Main Street, El Cajon. For more information, call (619) 956-4800.

**San Diego Chapter of 99's:** This organization of women pilots meets the fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. For location or information, call Frankie Clemens at (619) 449-0670.

**Civil Air Patrol Squadron 57:** Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Ketema Aerospace, 790 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. For more information, please call Tom Charpentier at (619) 818-4011.

**Air & Space Museum:** The San Diego Air & Space Museum Hangar at Gillespie Field is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and some Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, Saturday hours and tours, call (619) 258-1221.

**Display of Historical Aircraft:** Second Sunday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Only for those based at Classic Hangars. For more information, please call Len Buckle at (619) 449-0539.

**Safari Aviation West:** The fourth Saturday of each month, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Safari Aviation West hosts an aircraft display at Gillespie Field. To display your plane, bring it to Safari Aviation West at 1905 North Marshall at the east end of the hangar complex. For more information, call Dick McDowell at (619) 448-2360.

**Gillespie Pilots Association:** Meets the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Gillespie Field Administration Building. For more information, visit: [www.gillespiepilots.org](http://www.gillespiepilots.org)

**Display your Historical Aircraft:** First Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gillespie Field Administration/Terminal Ramp. For more details, contact the Assistant Airport Manager at (619) 956-4810.

**The Wing is the Thing (TWITT):** meetings are held on the third Saturday of every other month beginning in January at 1:30 p.m. at Hangar A4 on Skid Row. For more information, please call (619) 980-9831 or visit: [www.twitt.org](http://www.twitt.org).

## Fallbrook Airpark (L18)

**Fallbrook Airpark Advisory Committee:** Meets the first Monday of the second month of every quarter at the Fallbrook Public Utilities District Public Meeting Hall, 990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook. For more information, call Bo Donovan at (760) 723-8395.

**Get Involved!**  
*Come to your Airport's next Development Council or Advisory Committee meeting!*

**Coyote Country Chapter of 99's:** Meets the third Tuesday of each month. Time and location varies. For more information, visit: [www.sandiego99s.org](http://www.sandiego99s.org)

**Civil Air Patrol Squadron 87:** Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the "Scout Shack" (Fallbrook Fire Department conference room and community meeting center), 231 East Hawthorne, Fallbrook. For more information, please contact Jim Redmon at (760) 728-5388 or Jerry Rohles at (949) 369-9425. Or visit the squadron's web site at <http://sq87.cawg.cap.gov/>.

**FAA Young Eagles Days:** Three times a year on Saturday. For more information, contact Don Evans by e-mail: [zc112-g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zc112-g@sbcglobal.net)

**Display your antique or classic airplanes:** the last Sunday of each month from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The displays will be located on the transient ramp. The public is invited to visit, and owners of antique aircraft from other airports are welcome to display their aircraft. Contact Bo Donovan at (760) 723-8395.



## Borrego Valley Airport (L08)

**Borrego Springs Chapter of 99's:** This organization of women pilots meets the second Saturday of each month at the Borrego Valley Airport. For meeting times or more information, call Louise Phillips at (760) 767-4378.

**Display your antique or classic airplane:** the third Sunday of the month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Viki Cole at (760) 767-7415.

## McClellan-Palomar Airport (CRQ)

**Palomar Airport Advisory Committee:** Meets the third Thursday of most months. All meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. For more information, call (760) 431-4646, extension 5.

**Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 286 (North County):** Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in

the County Administration Building at McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2192 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. For more information, call Bob Wilson at (760) 489-9031.

**Palomar Chapter of 99's:** This organization of women pilots meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For meeting location or more information, contact Robin Gartman at (760) 931-0546 or [palomar99s@gmail.com](mailto:palomar99s@gmail.com)

## Ocotillo Airport (L90)

**Antique and classic aircraft display at Ocotillo Airport:** Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. during the Ocotillo Wells season (October 15 through May 15). The display site is located near the southwest edge of the airport, across the highway from My Desert Rose restaurant.

## Ramona Airport (RMN)

**Classic Rotors Helicopter Museum:** Open to the public Friday through Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open Tuesday through Thursday by appointment: (760) 803-0244

**Display your antique or classic airplane:** the third Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Chuck Hall Aviation, Cruiseair Aviation, and Pacific Executive Aviation. For more information, call Chuck Hall Aviation at (760) 789-8178, Cruiseair Aviation at (760) 789-8020 of Pacific Executive Aviation at (760) 789-6384.

## Superscoopers to Arrive Soon at Ramona Airport

Canadian firefighting aircraft known as "Superscoopers" or CL-415s will be released from service from Canadair in Quebec on September 16, 2008 and should arrive at Ramona Airport September 19, 2008. Barring weather or mechanical problems, they may be released as early as September 1, 2008. The weather in Canada has been rainy, and therefore their need for the aircraft so far has been minimal, and the chances for an early arrival are excellent. Superscooper draft contract documents are being finalized. The Cal Fire Ramp at Ramona is ready to receive and base the aircraft.



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## Gillespie Field Cafe

A Slice of Heaven Off Runway 27



**Gillespie Field Cafe**  
2015 N. Marshall Ave.  
El Cajon, CA 92020  
(619) 448-5909

There's nothing like joining together two great things. Take for instance, a concert at the beach or camping in the mountains or tasty food and aviation.

At the Gillespie Field Cafe, located near the base of the FAA tower at Gillespie Field, "...you can enjoy a meal fit for a king while you take advantage of a marvelous view of the runways and the foothills of El Cajon and Santee," says Jennifer Kaylor, who works for Airports.

Inside, the walls are decorated with pictures and aviation memorabilia. Covered seating is available outside on large tile patio tables. All the ingredients are fresh and cooked to order, their portions are generous and everything tastes great, according to Airports staff.

Paul Correia and his crew are there Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served beginning at 11 a.m. Kaylor says, "Whether you enjoy breakfast or lunch, you're in for a satisfying meal and wonderful scenery."

### HIGH-FLYING FOOD

#### Places to eat at County Airports...

##### Borrego Airport:

**Assaggio's Ristorante Italiano**  
Next to the terminal on Palm Canyon Drive  
(760) 767-3388  
*Closed until September 1*

##### Gillespie Field:

**Gillespie Field Cafe**  
Located near the tower on North Marshall Avenue  
(619) 448-5909  
**Landing Strip Deli**  
*Coming soon!*

##### McClellan-Palomar Airport:

**The Landings at Carlsbad**  
*Coming soon!*



### Clear Skies & Happy Landings to GFDC Veteran

The members of the Gillespie Field Development Council (GFDC) and County Airports wish to thank Jerry Hollingsworth (at right in photo, with Airports Director Peter Drinkwater) for his many years of service on the Council. During the time he served on GFDC, Gillespie Field was transformed from an area designated as blighted to a world-class general aviation and business airport surrounded by commercial business parks owned and operated by County of San Diego Airports. At the GFDC meeting on June 17th, Jerry was presented with a custom-made award. Gillespie Field users, businesses, GFDC, and County Airports all wish him the best in his travels!



During the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, *County Airports* received \$16,305,790 in Federal grant money—all of which was used to improve the Airports...Check out [airnav.com](http://airnav.com)—enter any airport identifier and find information from radio frequencies to fuel prices and places to stay around the area...Did you know that what is now a simple airport access road at **Ramona Airport** was actually the world's first quarter mile, officially sanctioned dragstrip? It was opened in the early 50s by the publisher of *Hot Rod Magazine*.

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